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PRESS RELEASE

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On Friday, July 10, 2009, officers of the Carver Police Department, Mass State Police Detectives assigned to the Narcotics Unit of the Office of District Attorney Timothy Cruz and investigators from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission executed a narcotics search warrant at the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #7421 on Green Street in Carver. The search resulted in the seizure of cocaine, pills, marijuana and large amount of cash. Additionally, the ABCC agents observed numerous liquor license related violations.

Two Carver residents and a Plympton man were arrested on drug related charges within the establishment. Michael A. Dias, age 50 of Richfield Circle, Carver is charged with possession of class B cocaine with intent to distribute. Dias is a substitute teacher at the Carver High School. Victor R. Figueroa, age 48 of Center Street, Carver is charged with possession of class B cocaine with intent to distribute. Ronald L. Shurtleff, age 66 of Main Street, Plympton, MA is charged with possession of class B cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of class D marijuana with intent to distribute. All three were transported to the State Police barracks in Middleboro for booking. All three defendants were arraigned in on Monday in the Wareham District Court. Victor Figueroa and Michael Dias were released on personal and are due to return to court on 8/26/09 for a Pre-trial Conference. Ronald Shurtleff posted 500.00 cash bail at the police station. He is also due to return to court on 8/26/09 for a Pretrial Conference.

Carver Police Chief Arthur A. Parker Jr. said "This investigation was a cooperative effort of state and local law enforcement agencies working together to address illegal drug distribution in Carver. District Attorney Cruz and his staff understand the challenges that drug enforcement presents to local law enforcement, especially when working with drastically reduced budgets. This enforcement method is new to Carver, but it is very effective and will continue."

District Attorney Cruz stated, "The State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, Carver Police and Alcohol Beverage Control Commission are to be commended for their hard work in this investigation. The arrests last Friday are part of our ongoing efforts to stem the influx of crime and drugs into our communities and preserve the public's safety".

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The Veterans of Foreign War Post holds a liquor license issued as a private club by the Town of Carver. The VFW Post's license has seen incremental suspensions over the past two years for assorted liquor licensing violations including serving intoxicated patrons and gambling.

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